

Abstract

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a chipcard housing having a first and a second central piece, whereby the first central piece can be displaced by a drive. A locking element is also provided by which a displacement of the second central piece is prevented in a first working position and which may be operated by the first central piece such that the locking is released in a second working position. Both central pieces can mutually entrain the other in the second working position by means of a coupling element and the second central piece includes entraining elements for cooperation with a chipcard. The chipcard housing can be very compact and have a high resistance to shock and vibration influences and hence against manipulation.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

It is requested that the specification be amended as follows with insertions indicated by underlining, deletions indicated by strikethroughs, and additions indicated by request.

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following replacement paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a smart card holder ~~which is used in an electrical reading or writing device for smart cards, having a first central part which can be moved by means of a drive, and having a second central part which has drive elements which form a stop for a smart card and by means of which the smart card is driven during an ejection movement, in order to move said card out of the smart card holder, starting from a first operating position in which the smart card is fully held.~~

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, line ¹¹~~13~~:

German laid-open specification DE 198 09 619 A1 has already disclosed an arrangement for holding a smart card, but this does not offer sufficient security against the smart card being removed during the reading process.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line ¹⁷~~20~~ with the following replacement paragraph:

This object is achieved by a smart card holder ~~as claimed in claim 1, having a first central part and a second central part, wherein the first central part can be moved by means of a drive, and a blocking element which prevents the second central part moving in a first operating position and which can be operated by the first central part in such a way that the locking is canceled in a second operating position, wherein the two central parts can drive one another in the second operating position by means of a coupling element, and wherein the second central part has drive elements for interacting with a smart card.~~